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<u>Preliminary Notes:</u> Applicant's Japanese foreign priority application of 12/8/99 has been received. The claim to foreign priority is accepted. Applicant's drawings filed December 8, 2000 are considered to be formal drawings.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rangan ('073).

Claim 1: Rangan discloses a retrieval site connected to the Internet, as illustrated in FIG.

2. The retrieval site is supported by a retrieval server (31 described at col. 4, line 12) and a retrieval database (29 described at col. 4, line 14). The retrieval server is operative to fetch URL data from a plurality of information providing sites (23, 25, 27) and store the URL data for these sites in the retrieval database (29).

The URL data retrieved represents detailed information regarding services. Some of these services are similar services. For example, "My Bank.com", "My Stocks.com" and 'Mortgage.com" each provide financial information, and thus provide similar services.

At this point, a user at an information terminal (17) can input information (the address "Internet Portal.com" as shown in FIG. 2) and the server will transmit the page of Fig. 2 to the information terminal (17) from the server (31). The display of the page of FIG. 2 on the user's terminal is considered a comparative display of the detailed information, since each URL listed adjacent the other URLs in a comparative manner.

<u>Claim 2:</u> The retrieval server (31) fetches data retrieves information in the form of a listing of web sites (FIG. 2) The name of the site itself is indicative of the services associated with the site.

<u>Claim 3:</u> FIG. 2 illustrates the listing of websites (LBC.com, MyBank.com, etc.) which may be simultaneously searched by the user. Each one of the listed site names is also a hyperlink (col. 5, lines 43-44). The data in FIG. 2 is retrieved from the database 31 (col. 4, lines 19-23).

Claim 4: In the system of Rangan, the user has a pre-established profile (col. 6, lines 39-42). This profile consists of a listing of passwords and user names established by the user (34 in FIG. 2) which are used to access the listing of sites. This profile is retrieved and called upon whenever the user wants to access these sites.

## Remarks

Applicants arguments have been considered.

Applicant argues that in Rangan, the URLs shown in FIG. 2 are not representative of detailed information regarding similar services. Examiner does not agree with this assertion. The server (31) retrieves and maintains each of the URLs shown in the display of FIG. 2. Each one of these URLS are reasonably considered to be detailed information. In particular, they are detailed information regarding a location of a website and the general type of information that the website conveys. Additionally, the detailed information may pertain to similar services. For example, the sites "My Bank.com", "Mortgage. com" and "My Stocks.com" are each URLs that pertain to websites that will convey some form of financial information. Accordingly, each of these URLs pertain to similar services.

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Applicant also argues that in Rangan, the server does not retrieve data from a plurality of information providing sites. Examiner does not agree with this assertion. As seen by the architecture in FIG. 1, the server is the server computer (31) interposed between the information providing sites (23, 25, 27) and the end user at (17). In the architecture illustrated in FIG. 1, it is physically impossible to bypass the server when providing data to the end user. In the

architecture shown, the server must retrieve the data from the information providing sites (23,

25, 27) in order to serve the data to the end user at (17). This is further verified by the discussion

at col. 4, lines 12-23.

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